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SUBJECT: SPAIN BIOS ON NEW JUSTICE AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS

1. (U) Summary: This is the final of three cables on new top level official in the Spanish government. Biographical information on top officials in Spain's Ministries of Justice and Interior is provided. See septels for bios on the Office of the President, and Ministries of the Presidency, Foreign Affairs, and Defense. End Summary.

Ministry of Justice

2. (SBU) Newly named senior officials in the Ministry of Justice include:

(A) LUIS LOPEZ GUERRA - Secretary of State of Justice

Lopez, born in 1947 in Leon, holds a degree in law and political science and a doctoral degree in law from the Complutense University of Madrid. He was professor of constitutional law at the University Carlos III. He served as the spokesperson for the Central Electoral Commission, magistrate and vice president of the Constitutional Court, and vice president of the General Council of the Judicial Power between 1996 and 2001. In May 2003, the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party (PSOE) named him a representative in the Madrid Assembly.

(B) ANA MARIA DE MIGUEL LANGA - Under Secretary of Justice

Born July 1957 in Madrid, De Miguel holds a degree in political science and sociology from the Complutense University of Madrid, and a degree in law from the National Distance University of Education.

De Miguel served as deputy director general of personnel administration in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food; and deputy directory of Planning, Payment, and Costs in Office of Human Resources in the former Ministry of Infrastructure, Transportation, and Environment. Since November 1996, De Miguel has served as chief inspector general in the Ministry of Public Works.

(C) DAVID GIMENEZ GLUCK - Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Justice.

Gimenez is a lawyer and holds doctoral degree in law from the University of Valencia. He was the general coordinator of the master's degree program on European Community institutions policies at the University of Valencia. He was also vice secretary of the Faculty of Law. Gimenez was associate professor of constitutional law at the University Carlos III of Madrid. He was named coordinator of the office of the secretary general of civil liberties and

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development within Spain's autonomous communities by the PSOE Federal Executive Committee.

Ministry of Interior

3. (SBU) The following are newly named officials in the Ministry of Interior:

(A) ANTONIO CAMACHO VIZCAINO - Secretary of State of Interior

Camacho, 39, is a career public prosecutor and judge. He served in the Superior Court of Justice of Valencia from 1991 to 1993. Camacho

served in the office of the public prosecutor for Superior Court of Justice in Madrid. He was also assigned to the courts in cities of Valdemoro and Getafe, the department of penitentiary monitoring, and the technical secretariat. He served as spokesperson for the Progressive Union of Public Prosecutors from 2000 to 2003. In 2003, he became president of the Progressive Union.

(B) SOLEDAD LOPEZ FERNANDEZ - Under Secretary of the Interior

Born 1959 in Andalusia, Lopez holds a degree in law from the University of Granada. She served as technical advisor on labor issues in the office of the ombudsman and labor inspector in the Canary Islands. In 1989, Lopez was named deputy secretary general to the under secretary of the Ministry of Relations with the Spanish Parliament, secretary of government, and director of cabinet for the Ministry of Social Affairs. In 1996, she served as an advisor on labor and social affairs in Spain's embassy in Cuba. Since 1998, Lopez has been inspector general of labor and social security in Madrid.

(C) JOSE LUIS DE BENITO Y BENITEZ DE LUGO - Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of the Interior

De Benito was born March 1956 in Zamora. He has a degree in law from the University of Salamanca. He has been a judge, assistant magistrate for labor issues, and a member of the General Council on the Judicial Power.

De Benito has been assigned to the courts of Santa Cruz in Las Palmas, Fonsagrada, La Lagoon, Granada and Salamanca. In the General Council on the Judicial Power, de Benito served in the inspection services and in the area of continuing education. He was director of the Department of Training in the state Judicial School and director of its records department. In 1999, he was named director of statistical services, and director of continuing education at the Judicial School. Since 2002, de Benito has served as administrative director for analysis and planning in the General Council on the Judicial Power.

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